

## e·nam·el

e·nam·el (i-nam-el) *noun*

1. A vitreous, usually opaque, protective or decorative coating baked on metal, glass, or ceramic ware.
2. An object having such a coating, as in a piece of cloisonné.
3. A coating that dries to a hard, glossy finish: *nail enamel*.
4. A paint that dries to a hard, glossy finish.
5. *Anatomy*. The hard, calcareous substance covering the exposed portion of a tooth.

*verb, transitive*

e·nam·eled or e·nam·elled e·nam·el·ing or e·nam·el·ling e·nam·els or e·nam·els

1. To coat, inlay, or decorate with enamel.
2. To give a glossy or brilliant surface to.
3. To adorn with a brightly colored surface.

[From Middle English *enamelen*, to put on enamel, from Anglo-Norman *enmailler*: *en-*, on (from Old French). See *en-*<sup>1</sup> + *mail*, enamel (from Old French *esmail*, of Germanic origin).]

— e·nam·el·er or e·nam·el·ist *noun*

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## **o·ver·coat**

**o·ver·coat** (ŌV-ĕr-kōt) *noun*

1. A heavy coat worn over ordinary clothing in cold weather.
2. An additional, protective coating, as of paint.

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